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SUBJECT: USE OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT TO IMPROVE AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES
OF THE ALLIANCE -- NATO CONF

REF: A. USNATO 1426; B. USNATO 1840

1. ON MARCH 15 MISSION OUTLINED COURSE OF ACTION TO CONVINCE ALLIES
THEY SHOULD BEAR PART OF THE BURDEN IN PROVIDING CIVIL AIRLIFT
FOR DEPLOYMENT OF US FORCES TO EUROPE (USNATO 1426); AND WE
REQUESTED WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS.

2. IN DPC APRIL 3 MEETING
CANADIAN PERM REP, MENZIES, SAID HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED
BY THE SUBSTANTIAL US AND SOVIET AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES
DURING 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR. HE QUESTIONED THE STATUS
OF NATO PLANNING TO INTEGRATE ALLIED AIRLIFT RESOURCES
UNDER THE DISPOSITION OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES.
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REP (ADMIRAL MINTER) AND SYG CONCURRED IN THE
IMPORTANCE OF SUCH PLANNING. LUNS SAID NATO ALLIES HAVE LONG
STUDIED SUBJECT, BUT ADMITTED THAT NO FIRM AGREED PLANS EXIST.

3. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD URGED THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE
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MIDDLE EAST WAR FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS AT JUNE 1974 DPC MINISTERIAL
MEETING. HE ALSO URGED THAT NATO'S CIVILIAN AND MILITARY STAFFS
CONCERT THEIR EFFORTS FOR THE USE OF CIVILIAN AIR RESOURCES OF THE
ALLIES, AND PUT FORWARD TO DPC FOR APPROVAL BY

GOVERNMENTS REALISTIC PLANS FOR UTILIZATION OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

4. USNATO RENEWS ITS REQUEST FOR WASHINGTON COMMENT OF SOME SORT.
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